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State of emergency in Minden Hills

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

For the third time in six years, the Township of Minden Hills has declared a state of emergency as the Gull River floods.

"Weather and above-normal snow-pack has led to rising water levels, that we've experienced and seen of over 35 centimetres in the last four days," Mayor Brent Devolin said, as he declared the state of emergency on Wednesday afternoon.

Declaring a state of emergency allows municipalities to access aid from upper levels of government.

"The potential exists to reach 2017 levels," Devolin added. Minden Hills entered states of emergency in the springs of 2017 and 2013, respectively, with the water from the 2013 flood leaving portions of the village of Minden underwater for three weeks.

Minden Hills' emergency operations committee first convened on the morning of April 23.

"We will be meeting daily," Devolin told the paper. "We're expecting levels to continue to rise for the next 48 hours."

At press time, the Township of Minden Hills had closed McKnight Drive, Anson Street, Orde Street, Invergordon Avenue, St. Germaine Street, Spring Valley Road, Ritchie Falls Road, Hospitality Road, Mark Twain Road, and Milburn Road to all but local residential traffic, and the Salerno Lake Road bridge had been closed to all traffic.

"We would ask people who don't live in those areas to respect that," Devolin said, adding it was possible that bylaw staff or the OPP would be called on non-residential



Colleen Mewha captured this image of Minden Hills work crews retrieving a tree from beneath Sunnybrook Bridge, where it was lodged the morning of April 23.

traffic.

There are washouts in some areas.

Portions of the Minden Riverwalk, as well as the boardwalk, and sections of Anson Street and Invergordon Avenue were submerged on Tuesday morning, and township work crews used machinery to dislodge a

tree from under the Sunnybrook Bridge in downtown Minden.

Sandbags are available at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, the sand dome at 4564 County Road 121 near Kinmount, and at Furnace Falls Park off County Road 503. Residents can find updated flood informa-

tion on the township's website at www.minden hills.ca or by calling the township office at 705-286-1260, ext. 211, or asking for Paula Stamp. After hours, call 1-866-856-3247. Devolin said residents who live in areas of historical flooding will receive

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door-to-door visits from township staff.
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Grade 8 students serve plates full of pride

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Guests pulling up to the Minden Community Food Centre on the evening of April 17 were greeted by Grade 8 Archie Stouffer Elementary School students waving visitors in at the bottom of the driveway. Then, as those same guests walked around the centre to the back entrance of the Food Centre, more students were lined up to welcome them to an evening where a room full of diners was buzzing with excitement and anticipation.

The evening, which brought friends and families of the elementary school students together with Minden Community Food Centre volunteers, celebrated the culmination of an eight-week program in which the students learned components of healthy living supporting the Grade 8 curriculum, and then learned to plan, prepare, cook and serve a nutritious home cooked meal. Throughout the program, students walked from school through town to the Food Centre on sunny days, and on the day of the dinner, walked from the school to the grocery store to shop for ingredients, picking up and properly disposing of litter along the way.

"It's been really good, a new experience," said student Hannah Gartshore, noting the benefits of, in particular: "Getting out of school and into the town, and more experience with people who aren't in our school community."

On the menu: a charcuterie tray, garlic bread and caesar salad to start; lasagna with broccoli and cheese sauce; and apple or pine-



Owen Newell and Walker Nesbitt donned aprons prior to serving plates of lasagna with garlic bread and broccoli in cheese sauce to guests at the family and friends dinner celebrating their accomplishments in an eight-week cooking course operated in partnership between Archie Stouffer Elementary School and the Minden Community Food Centre. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

apple upside down cake with ice cream to sweetly finish the meal.

"They did well, they did really well," said Deb Fisher, who was there with Neveah Smith, her granddaughter, and Neveah's brother Dominic, who have both had experience cooking at home. "If you don't know how to cook, how can you live on your own? It's like if you don't know how to do your laundry, how do you expect to get your clothes clean? ... This is absolutely amaz-

ing. It's really good. They've all done a really good job. This is a good thing for all of them."

Ted Howard sat down the table from Fisher and her family, sitting next to his son Devon, when Devon wasn't on serving duty.

"I think it's good for them, a good learning experience," he said, and reported the food was good, as was the company. Pausing while pushing a cart of plates to those seated, Devon said the class was fun,

and that he enjoyed "having friends that I know cooking with me." He said he knew how to cook before the class, but learned more about being patient.

"It's busy [tonight], but it's great, everyone looks like they're loving it," he said. For Devon, it was special that he was able to cook for his dad, and spend time with him in that setting.

"It was wonderful, we're very pleased," said Tanya Boisvert, whose son Broden took part in the classes. She said it was important that the students were learning real-life skills.

"They did a really good job," said Mike Boisvert, hoping that Broden will show off his skills at home, too.

Numerous times throughout the evening, guests mentioned the importance of community sitting down to eat a meal together.

Gartshore said she has experience cooking and baking at home, but appreciated the classes anyway.

"The first day we learned knives, and I thought that was really important," she said. "I've had some background [in that], I love cooking and baking so I knew, but I knew that a lot of my peers didn't so I think that was a really important thing. And they took votes on what we were going to make and had everyone involved, which I think was cool ... Even the students that were a bit shy about it, they were excited to come, because of the new opportunity."

Gartshore said she also appreciated learning how to make things from scratch, including the caesar salad dressing and croutons for that evening's meal.

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Top, family and friends of Grade 8 ASES students gathered at the Minden Community Food Centre on April 17 to enjoy a meal that was planned, prepared and served by the students on their graduation from an eight-week food and nutrition program.

Left, students (Hannah Gartshore and Austin Crego in front) shop for ingredients for their planned menu prior to the evening meal.

Lesperance retires from food centre

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"We all had ten times better manners at the end of this course, than let me tell you, at the beginning," she laughed. "They even taught us how to clean things properly and not contaminate food. I knew the basics, but I didn't know further into it."

Minden Community Food Centre volunteers were busy helping to organize the magic happening in the kitchen.

"I think it's a great program," said Marilynne Lesperance, who was honoured by the students with flowers and gratitude before the meal, which was held on her last day prior to retirement from her work with the food bank and community kitchen. "When they started, week one, they didn't even know how to chop carrots, a lot of them. Today they came back from shopping, just put their aprons on, picked up the preparation plan and made the whole meal. So that's eight lessons. They're very proud of themselves and we're proud of them."



Marilynne Lesperance, left, was gifted flowers by the Grade 8 students in honour of her retirement. Lesperance has been a strong leader at the Minden Food Bank and Community Food Centre for the past several years, and retired on April 17, surrounded by fellow volunteers./SUE TIFFIN Staff



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Here come the cuts

WITH DOUG Ford's PC government tabling its first budget earlier this month, we are starting to learn what some of the service cuts Ontarians will see over the next few years will look like.

That there will be a number of cuts of course comes as no surprise; it is in fact what a number of Ontarians voted for in last spring's election, to bring down provincial spending. Bringing down that spending will entail service reductions, and it will entail job losses. Ford said during campaigning and subsequently that no one employed through the provincial government would lose their jobs. That is, of course, not true.

Many people will lose their jobs. Wages and benefits make up the bulk of government spending at any level, and so achieving significant cost reductions is virtually impossible without reducing jobs.

We know that an increase in average class size will result in the elimination of thousands of teaching positions throughout the province. We know that at least a number of bureaucratic-type positions will be eliminated within the healthcare system as the government replaces the Local Health Integration Networks with one, so-called super agency. There will be a number of other, less obvious job eliminations as well. A funding reduction to the Southern Ontario Library Service means that 24 drivers for the

service's inter-library lending program will lose their jobs. It also means that the inter-library lending program has ceased.

Most of us will feel the impact of provincial cuts somewhere along the line, whether it's the discontinuation of services that we've used, or more money coming out of our own wallets. Changes to OHIP Plus, for example, will mean more money coming from the pockets of many families for medical expenses.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

While under the previous government, OHIP Plus meant drug coverage was taken care of for anyone under the age of 25, a change that became effective at the beginning of April means that any families with private insurance plans are no longer covered by the provincial program. Depending on what kind of deductible those plans include, and depending on what kind of health conditions members of a family have, it could mean paying hundreds or thousands of extra dollars per year.

In a stroke of poor timing, as many communities across the province flood with the spring thaw, we have also learned that the provincial government is reducing flood management funding to conservation authorities by half.

And so on and so forth. Most Ontarians will feel the impact of provincial cuts in one way or another. But those cuts are exactly what many Ontarians voted for.

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Early birds

THE WILD TURKEY season opens in Ontario this week and that means there will be times when even the strongest of relationships are strained. That time is typically at 4 a.m., which is when most eager hunters get up and start making enough commotion to, and I quote, "Wake the dead."

Clearly, this is an exaggeration by the person playing the role of the dead person, often quite convincingly I might add.

Despite the hyperbole, I think, due to the strongly worded advice of several marriage counselors I have known, it is the duty of the hunter to realize that sleep is very often far more important to your partner than wishing you luck before you go turkey hunting. Who knew?

Once you accept that, you can begin to understand why the person you just woke up is not nearly as happy as you are – despite that you have clearly explained that turkey season has arrived.

With that in mind, allow me to offer a few timeless tips to ensure that your turkey season doesn't result in any more sleep loss than necessary, which is generally what happens when you have to sleep in the shed for an entire season.

First, I think it is critically important not to practice turkey calling in the house at 4 a.m., which is counterintuitive since we all know you can never practice too much.

But trust me; it's better to head out into the woods with a little less practice and a fully functioning call than with a lot of practice and a call that needs reassembly or possibly removal from your larynx.

Next, although the joy is real, it's probably best not to run around in circles in the bedroom at 4 a.m. bellowing "It's turkey

season! It's turkey season! Rejoice turkey season is here!"

Sometimes, no matter what people tell you, they often don't want you to communicate in an open and honest manner. But they always want you to turn off your alarm.

Believe it or not, the best thing to do is lay out all your gear the night before so you don't have to run into the bedroom and say, "Have you seen my camouflaged face mask?" This is a silly thing to ask because, if they tell you they have seen it, it's not really working is it?

Also, if your spouse says no, regardless of how great your relationship is, you will forever harbour a nagging suspicion that he or she knew exactly where it was but didn't tell you because they wanted to wear it that day. That's not healthy.

This is why it's best to arrange your gear in a neat and orderly fashion the night before and then rise as quietly as

possible, slip out of bed and put your gear on in the dark – which means you'll notice 80 per cent of it is on backwards come first light.

Better yet, sleep in your hunting clothes – although this might also cause some discord, or nightmares, if you happen to hunt in a ghillie suit or have restless leg syndrome and wear your boots too.

Either way, the next step is to slip downstairs and eat breakfast silently. I would suggest soft toast and the quietest jam you have in the house. Then try to sneak out the door without forgetting anything so that the dog doesn't bark when you re-enter.

Do this and you will have a lawyer-free turkey season, provided they cough up that camo mask.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A pause in our discontent

SOMETHING EXCEPTIONAL occurred last week as so many of us watched flames, smoke and water ravage the iconic Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral.

As the steeple fell and the roof collapsed there was a brief pause in the disharmony consuming western society. People, no matter what their attachment to the cathedral – cultural, religious, aesthetic or something else – melded into one focused community.

It was exceptional because our society has become so unfocused and so divided. We are an angry society that is becoming increasingly violent.

The evidence of anger and violence is easy to find. It is seen in daily news reporting from different countries, not just the United States where gun violence is an hourly occurrence. (Roughly 40,000 people died in shootings in the U.S. in 2017; close to another 100,000 are wounded in shootings every year).



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Canadian shooting deaths have been on the rise for the last few years. Gunshots are pretty much a daily occurrence in Toronto.

In the UK, where there are serious gun restrictions, knifing crimes totalled 40,147 in the year ended March 2018. A London police report says that knifings in schools are up 25 per cent, and that the number of children carrying knives at school has risen 50 per cent.

More children are being troublesome in our society's schools. Suspensions have risen dramatically in Britain and more than 7,700 children were expelled in 2016-2017.

Growing aggression among children also is seen here at home. A 2017 study by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association found that 85 per cent of teachers polled said classroom violence is increasing. Nine out of 10 said they have experienced or witnessed violence or harassment in schools.

Another sign of the discontent in western society is rising suicide rates. The overall U.S. suicide rate rose 26 per cent during the 10 years ended 2017.

It is difficult to get clearly understandable Canadian statistics on anything, but suicide rates here generally are up as well. Federal agencies list suicide as the ninth leading cause of death among Canadians.

Politics figure largely in our society's discontent. Surveys show that more and more people feel that our governments and institutions are failing us.

You see evidence of that in the yellow jacket riots in France, the Brexit chaos in Britain, the Trump absurdities in the U.S. and the bickering and demonstrations in Canada over pipelines and carbon taxes.

Our discontent even shows up in entertainment delivered through our telecom-television services.

The Canadian Commission for Complaints for Telecom-television Services (CCTS) reports that it accepted 9,831 complaints between August 2018 and January 2019, a 44-per-cent increase over the same period the previous year. The biggest issues for consumers: billing disputes, misleading contract terms or non-disclosure of information and poor quality of service.

Simmering anger now is a dominant tension in western society. Opinions on why are numerous and varied.

Some point to a general decline in moral standards. Others blame entertainment that is more violent than instructive or soothing. Still others blame politicians who promise to satisfy the demands of every single voter, while knowing they do not have the means to do so.

To me, the anger and other ills of our society can be found in the foundations of our western culture. Our culture is one of individualism, in which a person is an independent part of society. Individuals look after themselves first, measuring their success on material achievements. Looking after themselves leaves little time to hear, to understand or to think about others.

The pause in discontent that came with the Notre Dame disaster was a welcome respite. We need to pause more often, but not just because there is a tragedy.

We know how to restore our damaged structures. What we need to focus on is how to repair our damaged society, perhaps with less emphasis on individual achievement and more on understanding that the individual is a critical part of the overall society.

To do that we need to choose visionary leaders who possess the desire, and the courage, to act in the interests of the collective society instead of their individual selves and their individual political organizations. There are not many of those around these days, and there needs to be.

All about chocolate!

RAISE YOUR HAND if you love chocolate. I just raised both hands and waved them in the air because I love chocolate that much. It's such a versatile food. We can drink it, melt it, mix it or consume it straight up. It amazes me that there are so many variations but like many foods some choices are better than others for our health.

Chocolate is produced from the seed of cacao tree that is grown only in tropical regions. The seeds are contained in pods that can be the size of a butternut squash. Harvesting is done by hand with the use of machetes. The beans are fermented for a number of days and then dried. After that they are roasted and put through a machine that cracks the seed coats, blows the seed coats away, leaving the cacao nibs. From this point, depending on the processing involved, we get one of the following:

- Unsweetened chocolate - It's bitter and isn't worth tasting on its own (I'm speaking from experience).
- Bittersweet, semisweet or dark chocolate - There's no milk powder in any of these, and varying amounts of sugar.
- Milk Chocolate - Contains milk powder and sugar.
- White Chocolate - Not really choco-



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late as it's made from the cocoa butter, sugar, and milk solids. It does not contain the cocoa solids that make up the other chocolates.

• Cocoa Powder - The leftover solids from the process are ground into powder.

Chocolate is the snack of choice in many parts of the world. Canadians each eat approximately six pounds per

year. It is a popular source of caffeine, and it does stimulate some of the same regions of the brain that are activated by drugs such as cocaine. I can believe this. It seems that a day doesn't go by that I don't have some kind of chocolate.

When choosing chocolate go for as pure as you can. Chocolate containing at least 85 per cent cocoa has fewer

calories, more fibre, more protein and less sugar than chocolate that is greatly processed (like chocolate bars). A couple of squares of the pure stuff goes a long way in satisfying the craving. In addition, if you choose organic or fair brands you're contributing to the health of our planet.

Something to think about.

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Short film night May 9

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

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The Dorset Recreation Centre is hosting a Short Film Night on May 9 at 7 p.m., featuring Memories of Dorset. Special guest and film titles *Pioneer Schools of Haliburton*, presented by Guy Scott of the Ottawa Huron Tract Association, followed by three new short *Memory of Dorset* films. Made possible by generous donations to the Memory of Dorset Film Project.

Dorset's Annual Easter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, April 20 at the Lion's Centennial Park. Over 50 kids, including locals, cottagers and renters showed up to collect eggs and warm up with hot chocolate. Things were done a bit differently this year, as far as collecting the eggs. Each plastic egg was marked with a number between one to five. The younger kids collected eggs with 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, while the older kids

collected eggs that equalled their age. Once the baskets were full they were exchanged for a goodie bag. The turnout was much better than expected and we're looking forward to doing this again next year. Big thanks to Karla MacKay and Ruth Ross for organizing and to all of the sponsors.

Dorset's fifth Annual Mother's Day Dinner is taking place on Sunday, May 12 at the Dorset Rec Centre. Guests will gather at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 6 p.m. It will be a ham dinner with all the fixings, with vegetarian options available. There will be activities for kids and adults and everyone is encouraged to bring a photo of their mother. Dinner is provided free of charge but please RSVP to Pat at 705-766-2373 or email lakeofbaysanglican@hotmail.com. This event is hosted by St. Mary Magdalene Church in Dorset and the Baysville and Dorset Winter Pantry.

Happy birthday to Dale Webb and Rick Keul. Happy anniversary to Jack and Judy Lilliman. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.



Dorset's Annual Easter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, April 20 at the Lion's Centennial Park.
/Submitted by Lee Ross

Microgreens sprout up in Minden

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Mike Townsend has a new business quite literally growing in his basement.

The woodworking artist, who creates functional art through Twisted Twig Designs, was recently inspired by videos about microgreens – edible immature vegetable greens – that he saw on YouTube. Wanting to keep busy throughout the winter and knowing a unique food product could complement his woodworking business, Townsend is now launching NewTown Microgreens from his Minden-based workshop.

“I just thought it would be something that potentially could work here on obviously a smaller scale and a slightly different market,” said Townsend. “Food up here can be expensive, especially in the winter – trying to find greens that are healthy, and not just lettuce, and something reasonable. I thought maybe I’ll try this out and see what happens.”

Townsend said he didn’t know much about growing microgreens when he became intrigued by the concept of urban farming, especially through Chris Thoreau, a Vancouver-based microgreens expert who founded a business growing soil-grown crops in shipping containers, distributing them by bike courier to markets, grocers and restaurants.

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“[Y]ou can get these flavours, out of something that’s really tiny and high in nutrients.”

— MIKE TOWNSEND, NEWTOWN MICROGREENS

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“The only thing I’d ever heard of was people doing sprouts, but other than that I’d never heard of microgreens,” he said. “It’s essentially the green part, they call it vegetable green, once it gets past or at the point [of] the two true leaves, the two true set of leaves, that’s when you typically harvest these. So they’re past the sprout – the sprout you include the seed and everything – and you’re not including the seed in this. You’re cutting the stem basically, and up, for the leaf part.”

Since his interest was piqued, Townsend has watched hundreds of hours of videos, and enrolled in online courses led by growers to learn more.

“You can do it on your own, it’s just ... some of these guys say ‘you can spend hours and lots of money trying to figure it out on your own, or else you can give me a little bit of money and we’ll help you through it,’” said Townsend. “So, either way you’re going to spend some money, how do you want to spend it? Getting valuable information, or trial and error? There’s still going to be some trial and error. I’ve gone through it.”

Microgreens are generally convenient to grow, requiring little equipment, cost or time to grow. Townsend uses standard shop LED lights and though he follows best practices in place by the provincial government, noted there is little worry about growing conditions compared to outdoor farming, without visits from garden-munching animals or inclement weather.

“I’m doing it in my basement,” said Townsend. “So I don’t have to be outside, it’s not weather dependent. It can hail all it wants, it doesn’t matter. I just need power and water really and we’re good to go.”

To start, Townsend has been growing pea, sunflower and radish microgreens, offering samples to those who haven’t tried them before, and so far receiving great reviews from regular weekly and bi-weekly customers who have been spreading word of his business to friends. He’s harvesting twice a week, and the microgreens can last for a couple of weeks in the fridge.

“[They’re] high in nutrients, way more than the actual grown plant,” he said. “[There’s] up to 10 or 15 times more nutrients in microgreens than the full grown plant. You don’t need as much. And it’s just way more flavour. If you like radish, it’s a little peppery and warm, they’re a nice addition to salads or sandwiches. The sunflower is kind of nutty, it kind of tastes like sunflower seeds. The peas just taste like actual peas out of the pod, and all you’re eating is the greens. So you can get these flavours, out of something that’s really tiny and high in nutrients.”



Entrepreneur Mike Townsend is watching business grow for NewTown MicroGreens, which offers pea, radish and sunflower microgreens grown locally and harvested weekly in Minden. The leaves and stems of microgreens can be eaten, and bring fresh flavour and crunch to salads and sandwiches./Photo submitted by NewTown MicroGreens

Additionally, Townsend will launch other flavours as well – and the possibilities are seemingly endless, with a long list of seeds ranging from arugula to beans to sesame to mustard.

Microgreens add extra crunch and flavour to sandwiches and salads, but Townsend is also working on creating a pesto that he will also be able to sell alongside the fresh product.

Though NewTown Microgreens will be available year-round from his studio, Townsend will be joining the Haliburton farmers markets on Tuesdays, and on select dates at the Minden farmers markets. Follow NewTown Microgreens on Facebook to see photos of crops as they are uncovered, or contact Townsend at newtownmicrogreens@gmail.com or 226-821-4590 for more information.



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Above, Red Hawks mixed doubles players Brooke Stover and Corin Gervais, both in Grade 9, stand ready to return a shot from their opponents.

Right, Red Hawks Grade 9 doubles player Emma Tidey returns a shot.



Hawks chase birdies

Red Hawks doubles player Josie Graham gets to an overhead shot at the Junior Kawartha Badminton championship on Thursday, April 18 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Red Hawks had 10 competitors in boys and girls doubles and mixed doubles. In total, there were 64 competitors, who represented at least 12 high schools in the annual competition. The top four in each category moved on to compete in COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championships./DARREN LUM Staff



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

The 23rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest site.

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To be eligible to vote at the June 20, 2019 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by no later than May 1, 2019.

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Health unit issues suspension warnings

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Kawartha Haliburton Pine Ridge District Health Unit has issued about 1,000 suspension warnings to students in its jurisdiction, advising them to get their immuniza-

tion records up to date. In many cases, it is likely that students are properly vaccinated, it's just a matter of parents ensuring that records are updated with

the health unit. "School suspension orders are a last resort and only issued when students and their families have not updated their immunization records with the Health Unit," says Marianne Rock, manager of health protection with the health unit in a press release. "In many cases, students have received all the required vaccines from a health care provider, but the records for these vaccines have not been shared with the health unit."

Orders were issued for students in Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

Families who receive suspension warnings should contact the health unit immediately. They can call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507, or visit www.hkpr.on.ca. Parents can also update immunization records on the new Immunization Connection Ontario website at <https://hkpr.icon.ehealthontario.ca>.

Students who require vaccinations should make an appointment with their physician, or can be vaccinated by health unit nurses.

Suspension orders will take place at the end of April if records are not updated or arrangements made.

“School suspension orders are a last resort and only issued when students and their families have not updated their immunization records with the Health Unit.”
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Scott draws crowd and protestors

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

When MPP Laurie Scott came to McKeck's Tap and Grill in Haliburton to be the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce's breakfast event on April 23 she was met with a crowd of protestors, holding placards stating their displeasure with the current provincial government.

Numbering close to 30 people, the group included members of the Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County and Environmental Haliburton as well as upset residents.

They were angry and wanted to let Scott, who is also Minister of Labour, know about their opposition to recent decisions by the Doug Ford-led provincial government to cut programs. Although the interaction with Scott, who entered the Haliburton restaurant from the rear entrance, was limited to a polite greeting, the protestors believed it was still important to be there and stand unified in opposition to the Ford government.

"We felt it was important to bring individuals together to have a collective voice, in a respectful and peaceful demonstration, to express to Laurie Scott MPP, our concerns about the devastating cuts to healthcare, education, public health



Protestors greeted MPP Laurie Scott when she arrived as a guest speaker for The Breakfast Club on Tuesday, April 23 at McKeck's Tap and Grill restaurant in Haliburton. Scott entered the restaurant from the rear where she briefly interacted with a small group of the larger contingent of protestors, who was at the front entrance./DARREN LUM Staff

units, paramedics, libraries, autism behavioural services, MNR and so much more. Our social safety net is being peeled away like an onion, piece by piece and soon it will be irre-

versible, if it is not already," Bonnie Roe of the CCHC wrote in an email. "It was very disappointing that she decided to enter McKeck's by the back door rather than greet all of her concerned constituents."

Roe added three members of the CCHC will meet with Scott this Thursday to express their concerns in further detail.

Another protestor, who made the trip from Minden, was Rob Hilkers.

"I really find what's going on appalling. To drop things that have been put into place by one party or whatever that's up and running, to tear it down. That costs money. When you've invested a lot into doing something, to just come in and destroy it for the sake of what? Tailgate parties and buck-a-beer and buying booze at nine in the morning?"

Originally from the Netherlands, he has lived in the county for 35 years and has been in Canada since 1953.

He's not proud to be Canadian now because of the adversarial political climate here.

"We [in the Netherlands] don't have the problems/situations that we have in this country. It's really inexcusable. We don't have to reinvent the wheel, but why the hell do we have to have an outfit like the opposition? Let's work together for God's sake. I don't need opposition," he said.

He thinks if there were dozens of parties rather than three main ones there could be more collaboration to build on ideas.

"We got to pull together," he said.

Standing with his sign that read, "Ontario, a place to grow poorer," Eric Lillius was pointed in his criticism of the Ford government cost-cutting measures, which he thinks have an American feel to them.

This protest was an opportunity for action, Lillius said.

"Rather than being silent and just say, 'Yes, sir. Yes, sir,' we have all got to stand up and say, 'no!'" he said.

A few minutes before her speech at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce organized event, Scott said she welcomed the presence of the protestors.

"We get lots of feedback," she said. "Positive and negative. We were elected with a large majority to make change."

She counters the protestors claims that there isn't any collaboration. The government is making every effort to work with stakeholders, she said.

"There will be an opportunity for input related to how the Ontario health teams are going to look and so they're going to have catchment areas that are hopefully more related to what our needs are in rural Ontario as opposed to having the LHINs," she said.

As far as any decision related to schooling, she said the current government conducted the "largest consultation in history on education reforms."

Scott doesn't agree with protestors that she is letting Doug Ford take the lead when it comes to policy nor the idea that the provincial government is making their decisions without input from others.

"No, no, no, no, no, no we are doing it partially – we can't do it all at once – but over four years we are doing what we said we'd do in the election campaign, so we are ... it was endorsed by the Ontario Hospital Association and the Registered Nurse Association. It goes on and on. The Home Care Providers. Right, so there has been a lot of consultation and no, he's quite for the people. We have great job numbers since we got elected. Better jobs. Better economy. Better life for people. They have more money in their pockets. We're



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New Canoe FM president talks of outreach

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

New Canoe FM president Tim Hagarty is hoping to take the Haliburton-located community radio station out to the streets more than ever with greater outreach broadcasts.

It's part of an approach to connect with listeners and to attract new ones, who may not be familiar with the station in communities outside of Haliburton such as Wilberforce or even Kawagama Lake.

"We need to be out more there in those communities. How do we get out there? It's one thing to be on the dial. You're sitting there and you got 5,000 radio stations. You got 'dut, dut, dut, dut,' and you happen to hear one that plays a song you like [it's] another one to go, 'I just met those guys.'"

He realizes there is a challenge in finding volunteers to enact these outreach ideas.

That said he is aware the station has had on-site broadcasts, but he wants to do more because he sees an added value in meeting potential listeners.

"If you're physically present some where at least they're going to pay attention, right? They're going to walk up and say, 'What are you guys up to? Oh, you're doing a remote from Agnews General Store in Wilberforce. Isn't that cool.' How do we get out there more in the community? ...That's something I'm looking at."

He believes the station is strong and is supported by the community.

However he still wants to attract more people to serve on the board and to volunteer and join the 130-volunteer team. Maybe a dedicated set of people to execute the outreach broadcasts.

The station requires a diverse range of skills and offers a mix of jobs from front desk, data entry, categorization of music (the organization of the 20,000 plus songs), including on-air and on-location announcing.

Hagarty was voted in by the radio station's board of directors back in November. He spent four years on the station's board and the music committee, which decided what music goes on the air.

The retiree, who has owned a residence here since 2010, has been an active volunteer in the community. He knows about collaborating in the community, as he has served on the Glebe Park and Museum Committee since Feb. 2011 and as a director and lake steward for the Miskwabi Area Cottage Association since 2014. His professional background experience includes work in the corporate world as a director of capital services North America for Unilever North America and purchasing manager/global teams for Unilever Canada.

Born and raised in Toronto, Hagarty has had a soft spot for the Highlands ever since he was a child.



New Canoe FM president Tim Hagarty is looking to help lead the station in its efforts to modernize its content and attract new listeners. Hagarty loves the community and the station. / **DARREN LUM** Staff

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Fun By The Numbers

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He remembers coming here in the summers, starting in the late-1940s to visit Birch Point Lodge. Every year that he came, it was like coming home. There was a strong sense of affection for the lodge and the setting's beauty.

That same love is at the root of his efforts with Canoe FM.

He's been volunteering at the radio station, hosting the show, Jazz on the 45th since 2010.

The station's manager Roxanne Casey said her long-time friend is the ideal person to take the radio station into the new era for radio broadcasting. Although he was not the only one, he is part of the station's technical committee.

Part of Hagarty's two-year term will include an effort towards reaching a greater audience and to be a viable media source for listeners.

Young listeners is one demographic Hagarty wants to attract more of and believes if given a chance, Canoe FM can impress. He highlights the station's specialty shows focusing on blues and jazz.

"We have specialty shows. They're really good. I've had people on my show that go, '[Wow], this is pretty amazing.' I do the jazz shows up here and we have people call and send me emails, 'Can I play in Haliburton? Jazz?'" he said.

The public will be surprised at the mix of music if they only know the station for what is broadcast during the day.

Future viability of the station has been a topic of discussion lately.

One of the questions raised by the station recently was will people be listening to radio in 10 years?

"The answer ... is we think, yes," he said. "We think there is a place for radio and continue to be a place for radio, but there is also how do you receive it. People receive it on their phones. People receive it only God knows how? I still can't figure out how it goes from one point to the other ... is there a place for radio? Is there a place for Canoe FM, right? I think we're a local community oriented radio so the answer is, 'yeah, I think

we have the populace that will continue to support us and how they listen to us is what we have to figure out and make sure we give them that opportunity."

He adds there has been "amazing" numbers related to Canoe FM listeners tuning in via the Internet.

A country music show every Saturday morning happens to be the most listened to Canoe FM show on the Internet, he said, surprised.

Relevancy is a key concern.

One area the station is interested in pursuing is podcast production. A podcast is an episodic series of digital audio or video files, which are available on the Internet to users by download.

Hagarty said now the question is what do we podcast?

He admits this is not his area of expertise, but said there are volunteers with the station who do have such expertise and connections. Additionally, not knowing is a strength, as he's ready to defer to those that do, which is what he learned during his career.

"However I've also believed in my career that I can't know everything. Therefore you get people that know stuff," he said. "As a matter of fact if I don't know anything I'll be a better boss than not."

There is also a push to be part of the free audio streaming service, iHeartRadio. It enables listeners to hear music or podcasts on the computer, tablets, mobile phones or in the vehicle (Car Play and Android Auto) via the relevant app.

The affection he has for the community is at the heart of his passion to give back and is at the heart of his motivation to be president and take on more responsibilities.

"I keep doing the things I love to do," he said. "It's nice to know that you can do some thing that you love to do and it actually has an affect on somebody ... I think Canoe FM has a positive affect on the community and I think that's why I'm still there. I believe in it. I believe in the people and I see the joy some people have when they show up [to volunteer]."

MPP enters venue through back door

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making life more affordable,” she said.

She cited the government’s efforts to stop increases to fees for driving licences, hunting/fishing licenses, the low income tax credit for people who make less than \$30,000 and she referenced a child care benefit in the recently announced budget.

When asked about what value is derived from the cancellation of government programming such as the Indigenous curriculum and the basic income pilot project, which had 4,000 active participants from 18 to 65, who were guaranteed an annual income from Hamilton, Thunder Bay and in Lindsay for three years, Scott said the focus for government is to resolve the “bad state” of the finances.

“We had a lot of analysis done and auditing done of the books and ways to go forward. If we do not tackle the debt and deficit at this point, and we’re taking it slowly over five years, the cost of that debt and deficit is going to harm not only our generation, but the next generations, right? It’s enormous. It’s in a bad state,” she said.

The basic income pilot project was going to cost \$150 million over three years.

Part of the project was to include a study of data by a third-party team of researchers. The research was going to investigate the impact of basic income on the participants’ physical and mental health, food security, stress and anxiety, housing stability, education and employment. Prior to the election, a Progressive Conservative spokesperson maintained the project would go ahead. This past summer, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Lisa MacLeod announced the cancellation, saying, “for the amount it was costing the province of Ontario ... it was certainly not going to be sustainable.”

Scott, the Minister of Labour for nearly a year, offered praise to the small business owners in the audience of 36 people at the start of her speech. She called small business owners “huge job creators.”

“You create jobs for local workers. You create investment in our region and you help attract people from all across Ontario ... to the Haliburton Highlands,” she said. “It’s a wonderful community. I don’t think you can broadcast that enough.”

There was recognition by the audience about her efforts with combating human trafficking. The chamber appreciated having the minister for a relatively small group. One of the comments was related to the cost of doing business in the trade industry, particularly when it comes to WSIB premiums and how greater work needs to be done so trade professionals that are in compliance are not penalized for non-compliant trade companies.

Scott acknowledged the comment and said the government is moving in a direction to help.

The minister highlighted the province’s efforts in reducing Ontario’s deficit.

Scott said the province has already helped to save money with modernizing training or reducing bureaucratic red tape related to the process of approving overtime hours paid. Other actions included eliminating WHIMIS labelling or providing an option for workers from all over Ontario to access online joint health and safety training under the Ministry of Labour instead of incurring the expense of travelling to Toronto for training.

“It’s been \$4 billion annually. Just from labour reforms. Everybody is still safe. There are still good jobs out there. Those are the types of things that we want to continue on. I say so far it’s \$4 billion because we want to do more and we want to hear from all of you ... Give us your input of what you see that just doesn’t make sense any more. It’s time to modernize. It’s going to be a big shift and we were lucky to make a big shift and a big change. And how we deliver customer service to all of you, the tax payer. How we can help you. So, you can deal with my office. You can send it into the Ministry of Labour whatever you like. We want to hear from you,” she said.

When it came to a question from the audience about how the impending class size increases facing high schools this autumn may affect the graduation rate at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the potential employability of those graduates, she said there will actually be an increase to the education budget, but acknowledged the class size increases for schools from Grade 4 to 8 (by one) and high school (by six, from 22 to 28). However, she pointed out Ontario’s average class sizes this coming year will be comparable to other provinces in Canada.

She referenced the “attrition” that occurs with teachers re-

tiring and how there has been positive government action to enable teachers to have greater freedoms when it comes to moving from one school board to another, which were restricted according to seniority.

Scott adds the education minister has been working with the directors of education to help students be successful. There will be curriculum changes coming to reflect the needs of students and to make them employable by teaching skills with co-ordination.

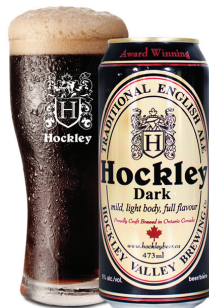
Scott promised the questioner the government’s focus is on student success and she will examine the graduation numbers after the class sizes increase.

“We want kids to have the right education and to be successful. All ministries ... we want to have it happen. For sure we’re watching, monitoring. We want them to be employable. That’s why we’re listening to businesses, right? The math skills. The literacy skills. The soft skills or durable skills, whatever the title is now. We have to do a better job of that. I’m sure I’m not the only one in the room that has heard that, right? We have to prepare our kids for an economy that’s out there now.”

Scott was originally scheduled to be the chamber’s guest speaker at a breakfast earlier in the year, but it was cancelled due to inclement weather.



MPP Laurie Scott, who is the Minister of Labour, speaks at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast event on Tuesday, April 23 at McKecks Tap and Grill in Haliburton. Scott highlighted the province's efforts to reduce the inherited \$15 billion deficit and to help small business owners. She also faced protestors, who greeted her outside before the event started. / DARREN LUM Staff



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Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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Haliburton Highlands Music Festival - Day 1
When: Thursday, April 25
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Cost: Free
Come and here the performers in this year's music festival. They love to have an audience, and it's a great chance to hear our local music students and performers. The instrumental classes are in the morning and early afternoon, and the vocal and choral classes are mid-afternoon through the evening.

Historical Society Talk: Ted Brandon
When: Thursday, April 25, 1:30 p.m. light refreshments, 2 p.m. speaker
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
Hosted by the Haliburton County Historical Society. Ted Brandon, president of the Haliburton Rotary Club will walk us through 75 years of Rotary presence in Haliburton County.

Haliburton Highlands Music Festival - Day 2
When: Friday, April 26
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Cost: Free
Come and here the performers in this year's music festival. They love to have an audience, and it's a great chance to hear our local music students and performers. The piano classes will be held in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale
When: Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Road, off Gelert Road (County Rd. 1).
All-you-can-eat spring Maplefest pancake/sausage brunch and bake sale. The best deal in town! Real Haliburton maple syrup, of course! Adults \$8, children under 12: \$4, preschoolers: free.

Psychadelica '60s and '70s Dinner/Dance
When: Saturday, April 27, doors open at 5 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion
Dig out your retro clothing or come as you are. Dance the night away to the best music from the '60s and '70s. Door prizes, spot dances, country auction and cash bar. Tickets are \$25, available at Canoe FM and On the Spot Variety in Minden. Proceeds support community radio in the Highlands.

More information: Canoe FM at 705-457-1009
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Earth Day Celebration
When: Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Robert McCausland Community Centre
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When: Saturday, April 27, 2:30 p.m.
Where: Dysart library branch (Haliburton), HCPL
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**Career fair
engages
students**

Paramedic Steve Prins, left, spoke to groups of students attending the second annual Career Fair held at HHSS in Haliburton on April 23. The Fair, hosted by the Haliburton County Home Builders Association, aims to teach students about job and career opportunities available in Haliburton County. / SUE TIFFIN Staff



More than 400 Grade 7 to 12 students from Wilberforce Elementary School, JDHES, AETC and HHSS gathered at the second annual Career Fair hosted by the Haliburton County Home Builders Association on April 23. The fair brought more than 30 organizations or companies to the high school gym, where students could ask questions of business owners and professionals, apply for summer jobs and learn more about jobs and careers available in Haliburton County.



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Stepping out

Maxine Snell and Elisabeth Hutchinson are walking for food and fun.

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Burning up

Burning permits were free. — now they cost \$50. Rates are going up in Minden.

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Easter tradition

Beeswax, dyes and patience are key in making Ukrainian Easter eggs.

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Pitching in

Parishioners work together to renovate Minden's beautiful United Church.

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In Quotes

"Bollocks! I'll have yer arse for that, milad!"

Arthur Black,
page 7.



Darren Lane/TIMES

They're all ears

The pre-schoolers were treated to a week of Easter activities at the Ontario Early Years Day Care Centre in Minden. From left, Dakota Bunnet, Laura Acorn and Nicholas Newbatt sport Easter headwear for the occasion.

New study calls for more support from council for cultural centre

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

The cultural centre is an important part of life in Minden and needs more support from council and the community, a recent study concluded.

Hired by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to conduct a Capacity Building and Sustainability Plan, LORD research consultants gave 22 recommended strategies for the future of the centre.

At the core of their recommendations is the need for the MHCC to work as one body with

a strong mandate, a close relationship with the community, and a supportive backing from council.

The report recommended that the three separate committees that currently administer the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Minden Hills Museum, and the Minden Public Library, be condensed into one Advisory Committee that will report to council.

The recommendation also states that a designated member of council and the municipal clerk serve as members of this board to ensure proper communication.

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Pine Springs declared provincially significant wetland

No word yet on how this will affect lagoon

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Pine Springs has been declared a provincially significant wetland, Algonquin Highlands councillors were told on Thursday.

A field study conducted by wildlife biologist Paul Heaven, and recently approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources, found that the wetlands scored 729 points out of a possible 1000, and 238 in the special factors category.

"That makes it significant," Heaven said.

After completing an extensive mapping project for Haliburton County, using tools like radar and satellite imaging to identify all wetlands in the area, six specific areas were selected for a comprehensive field study. Among these areas was Pine Springs.

The issue surrounding Pine Springs is, of course, the long debate over Algonquin Highlands' proposed septage lagoon.

At the request of Algonquin Highlands CAO Gerald Bain, Heaven presented his findings to council.

By MNR standards, any development within 120 metres of a provincially significant wetland is discouraged and would have to undergo a study to show that it would not have any impact on the wetland, Heaven told council.

Preliminary data shows that part of the proposed lagoon would fall into this restricted area, he said.

Councillor Tom Gardner asked if Pine Springs had been selected for in-depth study specifically because of the township's proposed lagoon near the site.

Heaven said that strong public interest in the area was part of the reason.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison thanked Heaven for his work and said she was pleased that Pine Springs was one of the sites studied extensively.

Bain echoed Harrison's remarks, calling the study "one small part of the puzzle with respect to the lagoon."

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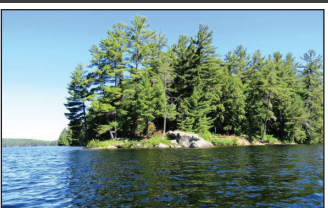
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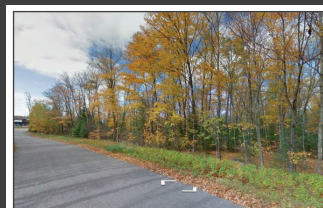
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- Sitting on 3.77 acres with a hilltop view



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Gull Lake Cottage \$549,900

- 4 season, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths
- Beautiful view of Gull Lake
- One of our premier lakes, great boating, fishing & more!

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